

Sammamish Arts Commission -Sammamish City Hall
May 20, 2013, 6:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Commissioners – Chair Daphne Robinson, Anne Schaefer, Lin Garretson, Mary Lynn Vance, Amy Lam, Max Montrey

Staff - Joe Guinasso, Allison Gubata

Commission Volunteer Liaison - Margaret Rosenow

Absent with regrets - Bharath Sankaranarayan, Claradell Shedd, Barbara Jirsa

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Note Approval of April 15, 2013 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD (2013)

- \$32,300 total budget for 2013
- \$25,962.88 current balance
- Expenditures to date: \$6,337.12

Writing Workshop proposal presentation by Niyathi Chakrapani

Skyline student Niyathi would like to promote a writing club in Sammamish which would provide an avenue for local writers ages 10+. Niyathi has contacted the Sammamish Library who has agreed to the use of space for a group gathering on a monthly basis.

She would ask the Sammamish Arts Commission to provide support with marketing via local papers, city newsletter and eblasts. Also, to an avenue for contact with guest speakers at their club such as the Washington State Laureate and having the opportunity to participate in a public forum and possibly hang their poems at the Arts Fair. Another idea is to have a writer's blog such as a shared forum. Target start date is later summer or early fall with the anticipation of running the club throughout the school year. SAC is interested to promote the workshop, supporting not sponsoring. Life stories is a program the SAC has coming in the fall. There may be a partnering opportunity with Niyathi and this club for the Life stories program. This is a way to connect people in our community that would not necessarily connect to share their stories, through an interview process. The opportunity for community bonding and friending through cross generational experiences.

Review of completed programs for 2013

Architecture Program - Seattle Architecture Foundation was very professional, they had the right staff, supplies, very efficient. The students learned a lot and had great ideas. SAC is considering hosting this workshop again in the fall.

“Assisted Living” – Great turn out. The readers were very funny. More importantly, the conversation that happened afterwards about aging in America amongst the “cast” and the audience.

- **Art for Seniors** - This workshop series has been very well received and the community is looking forward to a fall workshop/class.
- **Art Education Month** - The Arts Education Proclamation reception was attended by approximately 60 guests. The recording of this event may be seen on CH21 throughout the month of May, 2013. Posters with the STQRY QR code have been posted throughout Sammamish. Anyone can scan the QR code to see all of the artwork submitted for this event.
- **Web Archiving** – This project has mushroomed into the web page, focusing on past, current and upcoming programming events. The SAC reviewed several comparable gallery websites and the majority of the Commission preferred the National Gallery of Art for their organizational approach and overall ease of searching.

Discussion with Commissioners over design preferences: Consensus is to have major categories of art rather than the detail; chronological for upcoming events and a “view all” option. Preference is to have 1 front page where you would have events listed, and when you click on an event it then takes you to another page with the details of that specific event and a link to the associated artists if applicable.

National Gallery & Boston – great header – one of their main current events big and bold or rotating image these images are high quality, we will be lucky to have this quality –right now, we have no current events with

associated images. Could we create a header that would stand for the arts commission events, so it would be ours and not rely on a particular event? Some of the images that we are promoting is there a consistent image i.e.: Wooden "o" based on historically, some of the photos are very high quality, ACT Theatre;

Moving images are more exciting it makes you think that something new is happening. We could start out with a static image, we have large enough high quality enough – representation of what we have done (typically 4-6) and update quarterly.

Review of 2013 Programing from June – December

- **Sammamish Nights** – Anne will be working with Anna Macrae. Budget is: \$800 towards the music and the remainder \$1,200 would be for the art walk.
- **Swil Kanim** – Confirmed for 9/26 at Beaver Lake Lodge
- **Jet City Improv** – SAC is looking into having the North Bend theatre provide a performance in lieu of Jet City Improv
- **Life stories** - \$550 (increase budget) will be hosted at the Sammamish Library unless it gets too big *Lin will check with teen center this is a teen focus event, perhaps they could provide an IN Kind donation to have their logo appear as actual sponsorship. The SAC would list the EX3 Teen Center as a sponsor if they would provide the IN Kind donation.
- **Utility box project** – We are in a biennial spending cycle we can have funds roll over to the next year for 2014 however the budget for 2013-2014 cannot roll on beyond 2015. The Mayor & Deputy Mayor were a little hesitant on this project. A presentation to Council is required as part of the approval process prior to forging ahead. Anne to follow-up with Claradell for the process status.
- **East meets West through Art, Poetry and Revolution** – Exhibit tour and panel discussion scheduled for September 12th.

Registration for upcoming SAC events/workshops – Each event is a little different in terms of size and level of engagement required before the event. We will continue with online registration or registration via e-mail to staff liaison.

Suggestion to create a sub-committee to flesh out the specifics for the archiving project. Then when we come to the SAC meetings have all that figured out – Amy, Max, Claradell & Mary Lynn to figure out the details. Outstanding area is the headline.

July 25, 2013 LAA Meeting – Sammamish SAC is hosting this bi-monthly meeting. Commissioners discussed agenda options including showing the Arts Education Proclamation Reception recording.

Marketing design template – Commissioner Lam created 9 templates for the Commission to critique for branding ideas. A final look was not decided. To be continued at the June SAC meeting.

Marketing PR volunteer – Michelle Manson will be bowing out of her volunteer support to the SAC with postings on Facebook & writing press releases. The SAC will begin recruiting for a volunteer to take her place.

Sammamish Parks & Recreation Guide - June 17th is the deadline for submittal of information.

2014 Planning – The following programs SAC agreed to implement in 2014:

- **Build it Sammamish** – LEGO event
- **Special Arts Sammamish** – proposed 5 x's skipping July
- **Architecture workshop** – model building class
- **Calling all Poets** – April
- **Simple Measures** – February
- **City Hall Exhibits** – Arts Commissioner Barbara Jirsa
- **Maintenance and Operations Center Exhibits** – Anna Macrae

- **Art for Seniors**
- **Arts Fair**

The following are potential programs for 2014:

- **Sammamish Nights**
- **Life Stories**
- **Arts Education**
- **Act Theatre**

Commissioners were asked to bring ideas for 2014 programming to the June SAC meeting

The Arts Commission is in their 10th year of operating as an actual Commission. The SAC is procuring recognition for 2013 in the form of a reception or other event. To be determined at the June SAC meeting.

Adjourn- 8:38 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, June 17, 2013 – 6:30 pm

“When action is led by thoughtfulness and driven by passion people can do great things.”